

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 9-15 are presently pending in this application, Claims 9-15 having been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, and Claim 1 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by McCarron (U.S. Patent 964,044).

Claim 1 has been amended herein. This claim amendment finds support in the original specification, claims and drawings. For example, amended Claim 1 is supported by Figure 7. Hence, no new matter has been added thereby.

Briefly, Claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a glass product including a main container body, at least one secondary container body connected to the main container body, and a collar interposed between and communicating with the main container body and at least one secondary container body, the collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main container body and an axis of the at least one secondary container body.

McCarron discloses a bottle as recited in Claim 1. Nonetheless, McCarron does not teach a collar interposed between and communicating with the main container body and at least one secondary container body, *the collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main container body and the axis of the at least one secondary container body*, as recited in amended Claim 1. McCarron, on the contrary, discloses a product having the container body 1 onto which the neck 3 is provided with a collar at the end of the neck 3. Furthermore, even assuming *arguendo* that the container body 1 is a main part, the shoulders 7 are a secondary part, and the opening 4 is a collar, as asserted in the outstanding Office Action, the shoulders

7 and opening have the same axis, i.e., *the alleged secondary part and collar have the same axis, not "said collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main container body and an axis of said at least one secondary container body," as recited in amended Claim 1.*

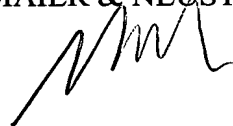
Therefore, the structure recited in amended Claim 1 is distinguishable from McCarron, and thus is not anticipated thereby.

For the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Furthermore, since Claims 2-5 ultimately depend from Claim 1, substantially the same arguments set forth above are also applicable to these dependent claims. Hence, Claims 2-5 are believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the amendments and discussions presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

--1. (Four Times Amended) A glass product comprising:

a main container body;

at least one secondary container body connected to the main container body; and

a collar interposed between and communicating with said main container body and at least one secondary container body, said collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main container body and an axis of said at least one secondary container body.--